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In re PANIGRAHY ET AL., Application No. 10/801,907 Amendment A

REMARKS

The Office action dated February 20, 2007, has been fully considered. In response, please enter the amendments and consider the following remarks presented herein. Reconsideration and/or further prosecution of the application is respectfully requested.

Applicants have amended the claims in order to: correct typographical errors in claims 1, 3, 4, 5, and 6; adjust the current wording of claim 5 to follow Applicant's preferred Beauregard style; and added new claims 24-25, which are apparatus claims directly based on claims 3 and 4, with support provided at least by original claims 3 and 4 and, for example, FIG. 4A and its discussion on pages 23-24 of the originally filed application. No new matter is added.

In direct response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office action, Applicants have elected Group I as defined by the Office, and therefore, cancel herein claims 7-23 designated in the Office action as being in Group II or III. Additionally, Applicants submit that new claims 24-25 should be considered as part of Group I, as they are a claim format variation of original claims 3 and 4.

Applicants respectfully request further prosecution of the application.

Also, the Office is invited to call the undersigned attorney, if the Office believes that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, as Applicants are open to discussing, considering, and resolving issues, especially given the long duration for which this application has been pending.

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Applicants believe no extension of time is required. Should an extension of time be deemed appropriate, Applicants hereby petition for such deemed extension of time.

Applicants further authorize the charging of Deposit Account No. 501430 for any fees that may be due in connection with this paper (e.g., claim fees, extension of time fees).

Additionally, the Commissioner is hereby generally authorized under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3) to treat this communication or any future communication in this or any related application filed pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 requiring an extension of time as incorporating a request therefore, and the Commissioner is hereby specifically authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 501430 for any fee that may be due in connection with such a request for an extension of time. Moreover, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any fee due any under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and § 1.17 associated with this communication or any future communication in this or any related application filed pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 501430.

Respectfully submitted,

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